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IDENTICAL LETTERS DATED 4 MARCH 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED RESPECTIVELY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a letter addressed to you from Mr. Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, dated 4 March 1991.

I should be grateful if you would kindly have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Identical letters dated 4 March 1991 from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed respectively to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that, between yesterday and the time of writing, American aircraft have deliberately broken the sound barrier over Baghdad four times. This has also been done in other Governorates. You are not unaware of the terror this causes to civilians, particularly children, as a result of the loud noise produced and the shaking of buildings and houses.

At 2155 hours (local time) yesterday, 2 March, the American forces discharged armed troops from six helicopters near kilometre 160 on the Baghdad-Amman road. This area is very distant from the theatre of operations.

These two acts are inconsistent with the bases and foundations of the agreement reached at the military meeting at Safwan on the afternoon of 2 March 1991.

These acts constitute flagrant and unjustified provocations. In expressing its condemnation of these acts, the Iraqi Government registers its vigorous protest against them and appeals to you to endeavour to halt them.

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq